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## NOTES AND QUERIES.

"MUSKIE." — The following item, originally from the "Milwaukee Sentinel," is interesting as containing the word *muskie* for "muskalonge." In the region of Lake Ontario a familiar abbreviation of the same word is *longe* or *lunge*. This word of Algonkian Indian derivation thus appears in American English in both a decapitated and decaudated form. The item was reprinted in the "Evening Post" (Worcester) for January 11, 1907: —

"There are three remarkable chains of lakes in northern Minnesota, among the headwaters of the Mississippi," said D. B. Stark of St. Paul. "These are known respectively as the Man Trap, Crow's Wing, and Fish Hook chains, and there are about thirty lakes in the three chains. In some places they come so close together that lakes of all three chains will be within half a mile of each other, but there is the widest possible difference in them.

"The Man Trap chain is almost fifty feet higher than either of the two other chains and the eleven lakes which comprise it have no inlet or outlet to any other waters. Still the lake is teeming with muskalonge and there are no other varieties of fish in any of the lakes. The waters are clear and cold at all seasons and the fish are unusually game.

"The other two chains teem with game fish, but in no instance has a muskalonge ever been caught in either. Pickerel are so plentiful that they drive the bass away from all bait, and it is almost impossible to catch bass, although there are some fine ones in both chains. There has never been a satisfactory explanation of the presence of muskalonge only in one chain, and every other game fish common to the region in other lakes without the muskies."

"BARGE" (vol. xix, p. 349). — The following appeared in the "Boston Herald" for November 11, 1906: —

"CLEOPATRA'S BARGE."

"When found, make a note of." — CAPT. CUTTLE.

To the Editor of The Herald:

Now comes a man, more of an "old-timer" than myself, whose knowledge and memory concerning "Cleopatra's barge" are more close, full, and exact than my own, and I hope the readers of The Herald will be pleased if I transmit the interesting additional particulars. It seems the "barge" was larger than I dared to say. It was the pride of the grammar schools to have had a sleigh ride in "Cleopatra's barge." From all this we may see what an impression that wonderful "barge" made; then the seaside hotels caught up the idea, and now any old picnic wagon takes the fine name.

Since writing the above, David Pingree, Esq., of Wenham Depot, in a call, tells me that Salem also in his boyhood had a similar barge, made from a boat, which would hold 50 boys.

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BOSTON, Nov. 9, 1906.

Mr. Will C. Wood — Dear Sir: I have read your letter on the origin of the word "barge," which appeared in The Boston Herald, and I can help